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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET
REPS ON DECEMBER 7, 1973

TEXT FOLLOWS OF REPORT OF US REP CIRCULATED TO NATO AD HOC
GROUP ON DECEMBER 10 COVERING BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET
REPS ON DECEMBER 7.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. AT SOCIAL OCCASION DECEMBER 7, SOVIET REPS KHLESTOV AND
SMIRNOVSKY RAISED SEVERAL POINTS IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH
US REP AS FOLLOWS:

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2. WILL NETHERLANDS REP QUARLES GIVE PRESS CONFERENCE FOR ALLIES AFTER LAST PLENARY? US REP REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO PLAN FOR SUCH A PRESS CONFERENCE BUT ALLIES MIGHT RECONSIDER IF EAST HAD A PRESS CONFERENCE. KHLESTOV COMMENTED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING NEW OF SIGNIFICANCE TO REPORT IN PRESS CONFERENCE AND IMPLIED EAST WOULD PROBABLY NOT HAVE CONFERENCE.

3. SOVIET REPS ASKED WHETHER CHAIRMAN OF LAST PLENARY (BELGIUM) SHOULD ANNOUNCE RECESS DATES AND DATE OF FIRST JANUARY PLENARY AS FIRST TUESDAY AFTER RETURN, NAMELY JANUARY 15, AND WHETHER SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE MADE JOINTLY TO THE PRESS. US REP SUGGESTED THAT CHAIRMAN OF LAST PLENARY MERELY ANNOUNCE RECESS DATES AND STATE THAT DATE OF FIRST JANUARY PLENARY WOULD BE AGREED ON AFTER RETURN TO VIENNA. SOVIET REP MADE NO COMMENT.

4. KHLESTOV ASKED WHAT PARTICIPANTS SHOULD DO IN JANUARY. HE REMARKED THAT BOTH SIDES HAD DEBATED FULLY THE MERITS OF THEIR POSITIONS. US REP SAID THAT HE THOUGHT HE WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS ON RETURN TO VIENNA AFTER CHRISTMAS. HE ADDED AS PERSONAL VIEW THAT THERE SHOULD BE LESS FREQUENT PLENARY SESSIONS.

5. KHLESTOV SAID THAT SOVIETS HAD MET BILATERALLY WITH HEADS OF ALL THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND BETTER THEIR VIEWS. HE REPORTED THAT THERE WAS SOME DIFFERENCE IN VIEWS BY THAT ALL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE UK FAVORED REDUCTIONS. HE ATTRIBUTED THE UK'S OPPOSITION TO THE FACT THAT, AS HE UNDERSTOOD IT, THE UK HAD ABOUT 170 PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL FORCES LOCATED IN THE REDUCTION AREA.

END TEXT. MOWINCKEL

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